

NEPTICULA FILIPENDULAE WOCKE (LEP.: TINEINA) IN SUSSEX.—As I can find no mention in the literature of any recent occurrence of *Nepticula filipendulae* Wocke, it may be of interest to state that while on the downs near Eastbourne on 25th August, I found several empty mines of this local moth on *Spiraea filipendula*. The species is included in Robert Adkin's *The Moths of Eastbourne*, 2: 91: which was published in 1931.—J. M. CHALMERS-HUNT. 6.x.1971.

LYSANDRA BELLARGUS IN KENT.—On 4th September 1971, at Queen Down Warren (a reserve of the Kent Naturalists' Trust) *Lysandra bellargus* Rott. was quite common. Some individuals were very tame and could be persuaded to walk on one's hand from the scabious blooms. One, indeed, transferred its attention to my nose, where it sat for several minutes, unperturbed by the hilarity of my companions. I was later to regret this liberty when we came across four male specimens regaling themselves on some dog excrement! I have not previously observed this behaviour in butterflies although the partiality of certain species for carrion is well known.—E. F. HANCOCK, Abbotsford, Belmont, Ulverston, Lancs. 23.ix.1971.

STENOPTILIA SAXIFRAEAE FLETCHER IN YORKSHIRE.—Tony Harman's first English specimen of this species drew keen attention when it was shown last November at the Derbyshire Entomological Society's annual exhibition. As a result of viewing this specimen, a colony of the species was discovered in the garden of a council house at Sheffield on 7th August 1971.

My sons aged 9 and 11, drew my attention to a small brown plume moth resting on herbage in an overgrown rockery where saxifrages grew freely, and having previously seen T. W. Harmon's specimen, told me they thought it was *S. saxifraeae*. On closer examination of the site and disturbance of the vegetation, a number of moths, possibly a dozen, took flight and, despite having no net, we managed to box five specimens in a couple of pill boxes.

I showed these specimens to Tony Harman, who was certain that they were *S. saxifraeae*, and this was later confirmed by Lieut. Col. A. M. Emmet, to whom I showed the specimens at the Amateur Entomologists' Society's exhibition.

This is, I believe, the first Yorkshire record, and the second English county record for the species.—F. HARRISON, 24 Church Street, Holloway, nr. Matlock, Derbyshire. 28.ix.1971.

PURPLE EMPEROR IN SURREY.—It is generally believed that the purple emperor is a difficult butterfly to catch. This is apparently not so if you live in a house with purple paintwork, some touches of violet in the upholstery and carpeting, a tall oak nearby, and keep your windows open on fine days in July and August. Seriously, between 18th July and 16th August of this year, a friend of mine who lives in Surrey found three male